

THE COMMONWEALTH.

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WE DESIRE A CORRESPONDENT IN EVERY SECTION OF OUR COUNTY, AND WE WOULD BE GLAD TO RECEIVE ANY ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ANY ONE DISPOSED TO FAVOR US.

A boom for "Sunset" Cox for the Speaker has been inaugurated in New York. He is warmly championed by many of the leading newspapers of the North, South and West.

The yellow fever seems to have gotten a foothold at Pensacola, Fla. The energetic measures being taken to stay its further progress will no doubt be successful. Let us hope so at least.

The death of Judge Black which occurred Sunday, the 19th inst., Pennsylvania suffers an irreparable loss and the Union loses a great and good man. Judge Black was greatly loved and respected, and his death has awakened an almost universal feeling of sympathy and regret.

The corruption and incapacity prevailing in the municipal governments of many of our cities is alarming and can be suggested by the following lines: "In 1870 the debt of the cities in the United States amounted to \$328,244,520. In 1880 it amounted to \$765,545,760. More than double in 10 years.

The New Code which goes into effect November 1st, will be of vital importance to the people of our State. Laws are so frequently changed, amended or repealed in this State that it is a difficult matter for any except a very astute lawyer to ascertain what the law is. The need of a revised code with a well arranged index has long been felt in North Carolina.

The fact has been demonstrated that sugar can be successfully raised from the Carolina coast to the South Carolina line extending inland to the altitude of 100 feet above sea level. Wherever the aquionia grandiflora and other olive grows, this latitude eastwards in Summer with La. and in Winter with Italy. Mean temperature Smithville, N. C. 66°. Mohr's Ala. 66°.

How many of THE COMMONWEALTH friends will interest themselves enough to get up a club of new subscribers? It can be done with little trouble and will aid us materially. To any person who will get up a club of five subscribers for us and send them in, accompanied by the money, we will send THE COMMONWEALTH free, or if you are a subscriber you can retain 20 per cent. of the money. Speak a good word for us.

We are requested by Jno. T. Patrick, Immigration Agent for North Carolina, P. O. address, Wadesboro, N. C., to say that all persons desiring to secure white farm laborers or domestics by the latter part of this year or the first of next, must communicate with him during the next sixty days, as it takes some time to arrange for the class of persons he is inducing to come to the State. He thinks arrangements have been perfected whereby all orders sent him within the time stated can be filled.

A terrible Railroad accident occurred near Winchester, Ky. on the 17th inst., where the Kentucky Central Extension crosses the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad. An engine belonging to the latter ran into a car of the former containing four hundred kegs of powder. The powder exploded, blowing debris, so truthful witnesses say, fully a mile high. A passenger said he had heard big shells and reports during the war, but never heard anything to equal that explosion. Both conductors were killed and several others seriously injured.

At the fruit fair in Wilmington, Eastern, Western, and Central North Carolina lavished a profusion of the wealth in the way of golden fruits, New York State, Boston, Baltimore and Florida were also represented. While hitherto Western North Carolina was regarded as the home of fruits, The Eastern vied with our sister section in exhibit. Pender county exhibited the largest apples, New Hanover the best melons and pears. Duplin county exhibited, by E. D. Pearsall, a signal triumph of resources of the East, in the way of sugar, 2,000 lbs per acre, 400 gallons of molasses.

The most sensible and fearless article we have read on the 'Star' and 'News-Observer' controversy is from the pen of Josephus Daniels, of the 'Wilson Advance.' At the late Press Convention we supported his resolutions condemning personal controversies in the columns of our papers, and we are now led to a firmer belief that such proceedings are a disgrace to journalism and calculate to lower the tone of the Press in North Carolina. We say the above with all due respect to Bros. Kingsbury and Ashe. We are truly sorry that they, *Two of our best lights*, should so far forget themselves as to use the epithets that were used.

We had a chat a few evenings since with E. F. Martin, the Napoleon of his race in North Carolina, who is General Manager of the proposed Writtsville and Onslow Railroad. He informed us that he is getting up local organizations all over the State to solicit subscriptions for his work. He says to complete the road it will take about \$5,000 per mile; and he already has \$38,000 subscribed, and six miles of the road graded. He is a negro of commendable energy and ought to be encouraged in his noble undertaking. He expects to visit Scotland Neck in the interest of his project very shortly.

MONEY IN POLITICS.

What is the key-note—the vital point under consideration in the politics of today? Is it principle, or is it the common interests of the country? Neither; in nine cases out of ten it is money. In the words of the New York 'World': 'Money decides political issues, solves political questions, and ends political difficulties.' The party that can furnish the largest amount of campaign funds generally come out victorious. This is why the Republican party has possession of the Federal Government to-day. It is the party of money and monopolies. This evil has grown up under Republican influences, and can be destroyed only by Democratic remedies.

Death of Hon. Walter F. Poole.

RALEIGH, N. C., August 25.—Walter F. Poole, Congressman elect from the First North Carolina District, succeeding Lewis C. Latham, died at Elizabeth City this morning after a long illness. He had but recently returned from the Hot Springs, Ark., and was thought to be somewhat improved in health. He was 32 years old.

We never had the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with Mr. Poole, but have been informed that his intellectual powers were remarkable for one so young, and no doubt if he had been spared he would have attained high distinction in the halls of Congress. He was a Republican but had many personal friends in the Democratic ranks. The death of any highly endowed and educated man is to be regretted. The vacancy caused by his death should be filled before December, as it no doubt will be.

Duelling.

This relic of barbarism, as now practiced among us to some extent, has lost the dignity which was given it by the superstition of earlier days. There is now no excuse for it; not a single reasonable justification. It is barbaric in the highest sense of the term. Originally the God of battle was said to be appealed to, to settle whatever the difficulty might be; the conclusion, being that the victor was vindicated by the result and the victim proven in the wrong. But the dark ages, the days of superstition have passed, and all pleas in the behalf of duelling at this age are ridiculously absurd and the veriest sophistry. The advocates of this murderous revenge have only one plea that sounds the least like reason: they claim that it puts the weak and the strong upon an equal footing, but it takes but one thought to falsify that argument. A person who contemplated challenging another will in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred practice the use of weapons sedulously beforehand, while his opponent looking forward to nothing of the sort has not the same advantage. Another species of inequality is thus forcibly illustrated in a contemporary:

'A man, when challenged, answered that he would meet his enemy when they could do so on equal terms. Said he: 'I have seven little children and a wife dependent upon my salary for their support, while you are a single man; now, when you are married and have a wife and seven children to be left destitute by your death, I will put my life in the balance and weigh the chances of a shot with you.'

Duelling is nothing more nor less than cold-blooded murder. The law so considers it and every survivor of a duel should be dealt with accordingly.

North Carolina at Boston.

The following letter from Dr. Dabney, who is now in Boston will be found good reading matter. It was written to the 'News-Observer':

'As our material rolls in one sees better and better what a grand exhibit we will have here at the exposition. Everything is going forward satisfactorily. We found ourselves the first exhibitors here and ours the first material on the ground. * * * Our space is the central front space, 150 by 50 feet, the banner space in the building. As for the specimens, the best estimate I can make is that we have something over 500 boxes and packages and at least 2,000 different articles.

By the way, the experts in these respective lines having our timber and building stones in charge express themselves as greatly delighted with them. The lumber men marvel at the magnitude, the variety and the beauty of our woods. They are very enthusiastic over our big cherry trees, our black walnuts, our curly maples, curly poplar and curly pine. * * * I was yesterday with the stone workers who are polishing our marbles and granites.

Some of the specimens are ready and I was astonished at their beauty and novelty. The Pee Dee black granite presents now a mirror like surface equal to anything I ever saw. The foreman of the shop said it was as fine as any granite in the world, better than a great deal which is sold here at \$2.50 a foot. Some of our porphyritic granites he pronounced perfectly unique. We have some specimens here containing olive-green, feldspar, purple quartz and black hornblende. Our gray and flesh colored marbles from Cherokee and Nantahala are as fine, they say, as any to be found anywhere. * * *

The opening will be quite a grand affair. It will be accompanied with great pageantry. The military will be out. Gov. Butler will preside and make the speech of welcome. This will be addressed particularly to the South, as the great feature of the exposition will be the Southern exhibits. Our own Governor has been requested to respond on the part of the guests of the occasion and the South; a very proper selection, as no Southern State and no executive has been so prominent and successful in this enterprise as North Carolina and her Governor. * * *

We hope very much that our own people will visit the exposition and study the State's exhibit. It is more important that North Carolinians should know something about North Carolina than that outsiders should. There is a vast deal, too, in and about Boston to visit. It is a great industrial centre, and is full of just such lessons as we need. We are delighted to hear that our editors are coming. We can promise them a most delightful and profitable time. I hear to-day that the Press Association here are taking steps to provide for their proper reception and entertainment.

We have solicited the railroads of the subject of cheap round trip tickets from North Carolina to Boston. So far the Northern railroads do not respond very favorably. But there will be no doubt about the steamship lines to the South putting the excursion tickets on sale. A gentleman having the matter in charge tells me to-day that at least two routes will be opened to this travel. From Eastern North Carolina the traveler will get his ticket at some of the larger offices, Wilmington, Raleigh, Goldsboro or Fayetteville, reading via Norfolk and the steamers direct to Boston. From the Western part of the State, Greensboro, Salisbury, Charlotte, Asheville, &c., the tickets will read via Richmond and the Old Dominion Steamship Company's line to New York, New York to Boston via one of the superb steamships of the Fall river line. This will make, in either case, a most delightful trip, far more pleasant than by rail at this season of the year. The round trip will cost from \$25 to \$30. * * *

ENCOURAGE newspaper men. If you knew how many annoyances they have, if you understood that their most elaborate article is sometimes flung out because there is such great pressure on the columns, and that an accurate report of a speech is expected, although the utterance be so indistinct the discourse is one long stenographic guess, and that the midnight which finds you asleep demands that they be awake, and that they are sometimes ground between the wheels of our great brain manufacturers; sickened at the often approach of men who want complimentary newspaper notices, or who want newspaper retraction; one day sent to report a burial, the next day to report a pugilistic encounter; shifted from place to place by sudden revolution, which is liable to take place any day in our great journalistic establishments; precarious life becoming more and more precarious—if you understood it, you would be more sympathetic. Be affable when you have not an ax to be sharpened on their grindstone. Discuss in your mind what the nineteenth century would be without the newspaper, and give encouraging words to all who are engaged in this interest, from the chief of the editorial department down to the boy that throws the morning or evening newspaper into your basement window.

T. DEWITT TALMAGE.

State News

Henry Jones, (col), the murderer of Alvis H. Blake, was hanged in Raleigh precisely at 6.45 o'clock on Monday morning last.

Edenton Enquirer.—A young man arrived at Woodard House Friday night at six o'clock. He had ridden 45 miles that day on a bicycle. He was from Suffolk, Va., and proposed to go thus to Nag's Head, and from there to Virginia Beach. Mr. Charles F. Lyon, register of deeds for Bertie county, died last week.

Clinton Chronicle.—Mr. W. T. Leaman, brother of our townsman, Jno. R. Beaman, Esq., died at his residence, about eleven miles from town, on the Raleigh road, last Saturday morning, of a congestive chill. The deceased was 68 years of age. He was in Clinton Monday and Tuesday prior to his death, in his usual health. On Wednesday he complained of being unwell, but was not considered dangerous, as we are informed, until the fatal chill. Verily, 'in the midst of life we are in death.'

Greensboro Workman.—The three murderers of Mr. Sheperd, near Danville, Va., Somer Younger, Reuben King and Isaac Evans, were tried for the offence in the Hastings Court at Danville and found guilty. They are to be hanged September 28th. The rope comes promptly on the heels of the pistol. These trials usually the execution take place in private, and let us have no big windows in heaven opened, with horses and chariots of fire come down to carry the wretches to heaven as a special guard to murderers.

Sunny Home: Capt. Octavius Coke, of Raleigh will deliver the address at the Tarboro Fair this fall. He is one of the best orators in the State. With regret we announce the death of Col John E. Lindsay, which sad event occurred suddenly at Rocky Mount, last Tuesday morning. Col. Lindsay was at Nash court the day before, well and hearty. He fell dead suddenly, not even a moment warning. He was a clever man, and a man of considerable means, and represented Nash county in the Legislature three years ago, with great credit to himself and satisfaction to his people. In his death Rocky Mount loses one of her most honorable and useful citizens.

Monroe Enquirer & Express.—We learn reliably that Rev. B. York, D. D., of New Salem and Randleman High School, who has been blind for about thirty years, is recovering the sight in one of his eyes without any treatment whatever. The sight is about half clear. He is able to recognize his acquaintances very readily. Dr. York is a teacher of many years' experience and is well known to the people of the State. He wrote York's Grammar, one of the most popular in use. Let's elect a Legislature next time which will have the moral courage to do something for the protection of the sheep industry, and the improvement of the public roads. These important matters are going to the dogs, literally, in the case of the sheep, for want of proper legislation.

Fayetteville Observer.—Mr. Knight of Chatham county has been recently bereft of his family of six children by such a strange and fearful tragedy, or rather, by a succession of tragedies, as to make 'truth stranger than fiction.' Three of the children were taken with diphtheria and died soon after, in quick succession. Just after the deaths two of the remaining three children were playing in the yard, the mother being inside of the ouse with the youngest. A scream outside the house caused her to rush forth, to find that a rattlesnake had bitten both the children, who were even then in the agonies of death—and the crowning horror came upon the distracted mother when she discovered that a pot of boiling soap had fallen from the fire and burned or scalded the baby beyond recovery!

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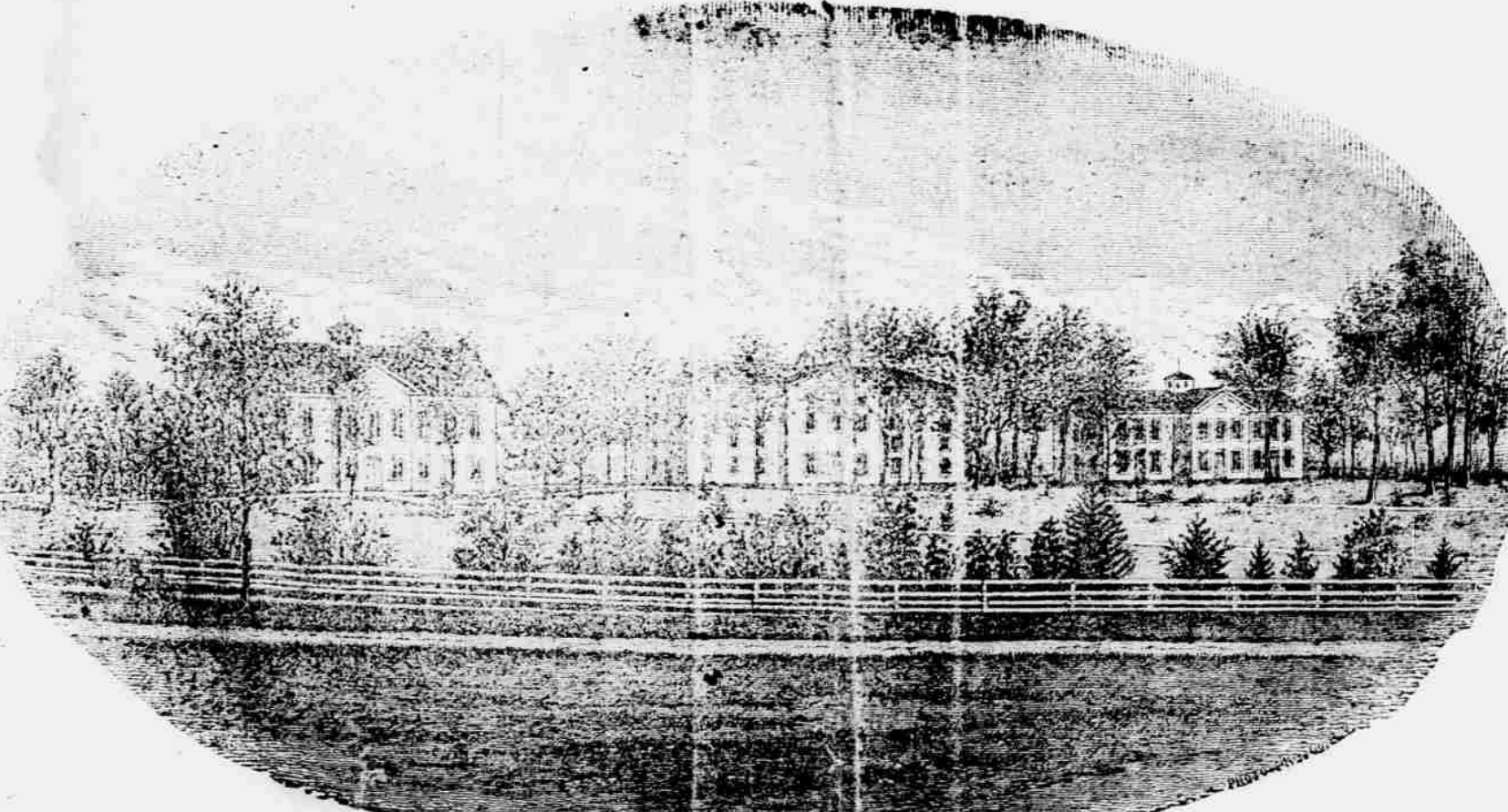
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